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## HIZEN'S TRANSFER OF PRISONERS TO LOCKSUN O. K. AND GEIER MAY REPAIR, RULES STATE DEPARTMENT

### BELGIUM IS STARVING; BRITISH CLAIM AIR AND SEA TRIUMPHS

#### DEADLY ENGINES OF WAR SWEEP AIR, SEA AND LAND; COUNTRY DESOLATED NOW

MIGHTY CONFLICT TAKES NO HEED OF HUMAN SLAUGHTER—DESPATCHES FROM PARIS SAY A GENERAL ADVANCE OF ALLIES HAS BEEN MADE—ADMIT GERMANS HAVE CROSSED YSER—BERLIN ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATES VON MOLTKE WILL SOON BE IN ACTIVE CHARGE AGAIN—GERMANS FORTIFYING ANTWERP AS IF FOR EXPECTED ATTACK—CHINA MAKES ANOTHER PROTEST TO JAPAN—CRUISERS GOEBEN AND BRESLAU LIABLE TO BE FIRED UPON

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. 26.—Six millions of people in Belgium are facing starvation as a result of the devastation of war. Hundreds of soup kitchens are opened. One hundred thousand people are being fed at these kitchens in Brussels alone.

Eleven noblemen are among those absolutely destitute. Conditions in other Belgian cities are even worse. Louvain has only flour enough for four days. Liege has not even that. The stores are tradeless, there being no supplies, and the railways have suspended operations on account of the war. There is no meat or milk anywhere.

The invading armies have requisitioned all the cattle and coffee; tea, rice and salt are practically unobtainable.

#### GERMAN SUBMARINE IS SUNK; FIVE AEROPLANES SMASHED, SAYS LONDON

LONDON, England, Oct. 26.—A torpedo-boat destroyer has rammed and sunk a German submarine in the North Sea. The destroyer was undamaged except for bent bowplates.

LONDON, England, Oct. 26.—The Paris correspondent of the London Express says that five German aeroplanes were destroyed last Saturday. French aviators near Rheims, taking the air against a pair of German aeroplanes, outclimbed and outmaneuvered them and brought down the two with single-handed revolver fire, it is stated. The Meharicourt forts fusilladed two more and disabled them. Riflemen at Graveline got the fifth.

#### Country is Desolated by War Kept Up Without Any Cessation

LONDON, England, Oct. 26.—Over a country ravaged cruelly by war, through rivers and valleys reddened with the blood of human beings who have fallen uncounted in the terrific fighting, the armies of Germany and the Allies are struggling in a critical battle upon which depends the future course of the campaign in Belgium.

The correspondent of the London Daily News, who is with the Allies on the west battlefield, telegraphs to his paper:

"Engines of war of the air, the sea and the land are sweeping this desolated country horizontally, vertically and transversely.

"Through all the horrible din of combat between every sort of death-dealing machine that man can invent, the frail little human engine crawls, digs, runs blundering, tired and puzzled, into individual tussles; ordered here, ordered there, sleeping where it can for a few precious moments snatched from fighting, never washing, dying unnoticed, the battle sweeping on.

"The Germans crossed the Yser Wednesday, were driven back on Thursday, gained a new foothold on Friday and were repulsed again on Saturday."

#### French Reports Optimistic; Say Front Is Successfully Maintained

PARIS, France, Oct. 26.—Official announcement today says:

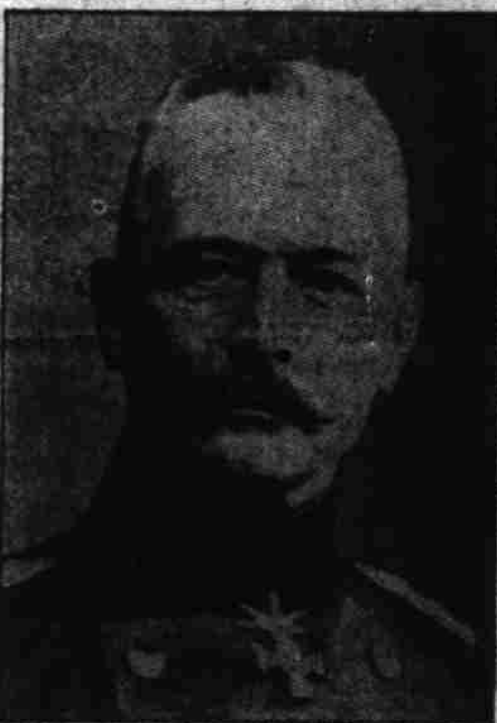
"Yesterday our front was maintained between Nieuport and Dixmude.

"The Germans who crossed the Yser have been unable to advance.

"We have established a front between Ypres and Roulers, Belgium."

LONDON, England, Oct. 26.—The government has released the American oil tank steamer Brindilla, held for alleged violation of rules regarding carrying contraband of war.

#### Berlin Expects Von Moltke to Return to Work



Lieut.-Gen. Count Helmuth von Moltke, chief of Prussian general staff, who has been compelled to retire from active operations and (below) Gen. Eugene von Falkenhayn, German minister of war, who has assumed the duties of Count von Moltke.

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]  
BERLIN, Germany, Oct. 26.—(Official)—Gen. von Falkenhayn has been acting chief of the German general staff during Count von Moltke's illness. Von Moltke suffered an attack of biliousness. He is now better.

#### CARRANZA SOON TO BE DEPOSED; MAY RUN AGAIN

Present Conference Likely to  
Put Up New Provisional  
President

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—Official reports to the state department from Mexico indicate that the national convention at Aguascalientes, considering plans for peace, will shortly depose General Carranza as first chief of the Constitutional government and will substitute a new provisional president. Carranza is understood to be agreeable to this proposition if he is permitted to become a candidate for president at the regular elections.

#### MANOA GOLF FINALS.

The final in the Manoa cup competition was played on Saturday and resulted in a tie. J. I. B. Greig and F. Halstead were the finalists, and played a 36-hole match in the creditable score of 160.

The tie will be played on Nov. 8, same conditions obtaining.

The trial of Manuel Gouveia on a charge of first-degree burglary will be held before a jury in Circuit Judge Ashford's court tomorrow morning, beginning at 9 o'clock.

#### BALLOTS ORDERED PRINTED, WITH EXCEPTION OF COUNTY

Supreme Court Decision Regarding Status of Office of City and County Attorney Delays Action, But Decision is Expected by Tomorrow

Printing of all ballots for the election next month of delegate and members of the territorial house of representatives and senate has been ordered and may now be hurried to completion and the ballots forwarded by Secretary Thayer to the election officials in the various precincts throughout the islands. The personnel of the party tickets in the territorial election is now determined, the last opportunity for altering them vanishing at midnight Saturday.

The candidates for these places from the outside islands have been known for some time, but until that hour there was a chance for Oahu candidates to change their minds. The question of the ballots for the Oahu county election still hangs fire, however, and doubtless must remain indefinite until the supreme court gives a decision on the questions reserved to it in the fight being made against City and County Attorney J. W. Cathcart. These ballots cannot be printed until it has been ascertained positively whether Cathcart was actually elected as the primary or whether he was only nominated. In the latter event his name and that of J. Lightfoot must be printed on the official ballot and voted for again.

It was announced this morning that the supreme court will hear argument at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on the mandamus suit instituted against County Clerk Kalanokalani in the Cathcart case; therefore the decision is not expected for several days and

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#### Dr. G. W. McCoy Will Not be Permitted to Accept Eastern Job

Information has been received from the mainland to the effect that the public health bureau has declined to permit Dr. G. W. McCoy, head of the Hawaiian leprosy investigation station, to accept the position of commissioner of health of the state of Massachusetts, in accordance with a report made by the Massachusetts authorities some weeks ago. It is understood that the shortage of officers trained in laboratory work led to the attitude of the bureau.

#### CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE HARBOR EXPANSION HELD

Col. C. S. Bromwell, head of the U. S. Engineer's office here, is attending a meeting of the harbor commissioners this afternoon in the governor's office to gain information regarding the position of the territory in connection with the Kailhi channel.

It appears from the general drift of the discussion here and in Washington that the federal board of engineers is disposed to favor measures for the improvement of Honolulu harbor to allow a proper care for shipping of the port. The territory has been asked for an estimate on the construction of a channel 2000 feet wide. The scheme so far as it has been talked thus far has dealt with a 1600 foot channel. Attention is called to the fact that along a 1000-foot channel be dredged the necessity for a turning basin in Kailhi harbor would not be so pressing. The turn could be made in the channel and the channel increased as the demands on the harbor required. It also appears that the government's policy is to insist on government ownership of the frontage of a channel or harbor on which large sums of public money have been expended.

Superintendent of Public Works Forbes has secured a fine set of photographs showing the present crowded condition of the harbor. These photos will be sent to the river and harbor board together with such additional information as is required by the Washington authorities.

#### China Objects To Japan Taking Torpedoer Which Becomes Wreck

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]  
PEKING, China, Oct. 26.—China has made a formal demand upon Japan for the surrender of the Japanese torpedo boat which entered Chinese waters and substituted a Japanese for a Chinese flag on the German torpedo-boat S-9, which escaped from Tsingtau but was stranded some distance south.

#### Reuter's Despatch Claims General Advance Made By Allied Forces

LONDON, England, Oct. 26.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Agency from Paris says:

"This morning's advices indicate that a general advance of the Allies has been made between Nieuport and Ypres and east of Arras."

#### American Shippers Must Consign Cargoes Plain, Say The British

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, has warned American shippers to consign all neutral-bound cargoes to neutral governments or to specified consignees.

#### Allies Won't Allow Interned German Boats In Activity Soon

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Oct. 26.—The Allies have informed the Turkish government that the Allied fleets will attack the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, which interned, if these two cruisers again emerge from the Bosphorus.

#### Germany Busy Fortifying Antwerp As If For Expected Sharp Attack

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]  
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Oct. 26.—The Germans are busy now fortifying Antwerp, mounting new guns and repairing bridges.

#### U. S. OFFICIALS BUSY WITH GRAVE QUESTIONS; HIZEN MAINTAINS VIGIL OF HARBOR

REPORT ON STREET THAT FOUR U. S. CRUISERS ARE COMING—ANOTHER THAT GEIER WILL INTERNE AT PEARL HARBOR—BOTH UNCONFIRMED—NARROW ESCAPE OF LITTLE GERMAN SCHOONER HERMES YESTERDAY ADDS TO INTEREST AROUSED BY CAPTURE OF AEOLUS AND SPECTACULAR BURNING SATURDAY NIGHT—GERMAN STEAMER POMMERN TODAY TRANSFERRING CARGO TO ENTERPRISE—VARIOUS MEETINGS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS, CONSULS AND JAPANESE OFFICERS PRODUCE "NOTHING FOR PUBLICATION"—GERMANS FROM CAPTURED VESSEL REMAIN ON BOARD LOCKSUN.

Half a dozen grave neutrality questions, over which U. S. officials here have been pondering and which were referred to the state department at Washington for decision, have been definitely settled, according to an Associated Press cablegram received by the Star-Bulletin at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The cablegram says:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—The state department is unable to discover any breach of neutrality in the transfer of the Hizen's prisoners. The Japanese commander is unquestionably privileged to land captives at any neutral port. No British protest against repairing Geier. It is proper to send to San Francisco for indispensable new parts."

The news in this cablegram explains several of the leading subjects that have been under discussion by the federal officials, army and navy officers, consuls and officers of the Japanese battleship Hizen for the past three days. While those who took part in the conference have been consistently silent as to the matters discussed, the cablegram from Washington shows that the state department is quite willing to make public questions on which it has reached a decision. So far, it does not appear that either the Hizen or the Geier has violated the strict neutrality regulations observed by Uncle Sam.

Three unconfirmed rumors spread around the streets of Honolulu today and the Star-Bulletin was repeatedly requested for information regarding their truthfulness.

The first was to the effect that four U. S. cruisers had sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu to take care of any trouble that might arise in these waters as a result of the close proximity of any foreign war vessels. A second was to the effect that it had been decided to intern the German gunboat Geier and that the U. S. submarines stationed in the local harbor were preparing for a trip to Pearl Harbor, at which point, the rumor had it, the Geier would find quarters pending the conclusion of the European war.

The third was to the effect that Admiral Moore had cabled to San Francisco for cruisers to be despatched to Honolulu immediately.

Malcolm Argyle Franklin, collector of customs, stated that he had heard nothing of the report, adding that there was nothing new in the Hizen-Geier situation—at least nothing that he cared to make public. The patrol maintained by the Japanese battleship Hizen, the capture and burning of the schooner Aeolus, the narrow escape yesterday of the little schooner Hermes and the length of time required to complete the repairs to the German cruiser Geier has become intense, culminating today in many hours spent in conferences in which officials of prominence in federal, naval and consular circles participated.

Collector of Customs Franklin, his chief deputy, Raymer Sharp, Admiral C. B. T. Moore, the German and Japanese consuls, officers of the Hawaiian department, U. S. A. and others have been in almost continuous conferences today, and yesterday many of them were busy with the many questions of neutrality which confront Uncle Sam's representatives here.

Nothing definite comes from these conferences in the way of public announcements. Rumors are numerous, some of them probably true, but they cannot be confirmed. The only concrete fact is that in spite of evident dissatisfaction on the part of some of the Japanese, the little cruiser Geier remains in port proceeding with her machinery repairs.

Two German cruisers, each believed to have a match in armament and tonnage for the Hizen, are now, according to one report, nearing the islands, and may yet try conclusions with the Japanese war vessel. This might coincide with a time when, to the satisfaction of the German commander and the federal authorities, the Geier is in fit condition to go to sea.

Japanese officials make free to profess that the delay in removing the boilers in the Geier is owing to the hope that larger German war vessels will come to the assistance of the trapped vessel.

The German vessel masters and steamship officers now here, about this inclosure and insist that to send the Geier to sea in its present condition would invite instant disaster. The work drags for a lack of proper material, so they say.

From what could be gathered following a three-hour conference of officials today it is believed that the Geier will not attempt to leave the protection of the harbor for many days.

On board that vessel this morning a corps of machinists were engaged in placing new material. A small force is at present employed, as the German officers refuse to permit others than Teutons to engage in the work. Captain Schmidt boasts Hizen.

Scudding along the reef-lined leeward coast of the island of Oahu, two masts denuded of sails, propelled by its auxiliary motor, the little 116-ton gasoline schooner Hermes, leaving the Marshall Islands on September 15, one day after the Aeolus, hugged the shore line in coming within sight of the port shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while the big Japanese battleship Hizen, under full steam, followed the sailing craft flying the German colors until it brought up safely at the quarantine anchorage and was met by harbor pilot and other officials.

Capt. H. A. Schmidt then breathed a genuine sigh of relief as he surveyed the danger that lurked beyond the three-mile limit to the port of Honolulu, while his vessel received attention by officials and was ordered to a temporary berth at the Quarantine wharf.

A new vessel, barely in commission six months, built at Benicia, Cal., and splendidly fitted with a powerful gasoline engine, the Hermes, which has been operated by the Jaluit Commercial Company as a trader in the Marshall group, represents an investment of about \$40,000. That it would have

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